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SUBJECT: EA ASSISTANT SECRETARY INGERSOLL'S VISIT

REF: STATE 245610 (NOTAL)

1. FOR LONDON: EA ASSISTANT SECRETARY DESIGNATE ROBERT S. INGERSOLL HAS SCHEDULED A VISIT TO ALL EA MISSIONS COMMENCING JANUARY 15. HE HAS PLANNED TO STOP IN PARIS ENROUTE TO EA FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEARING FRENCH VIEWS ON VARIOUS EA ISSUES. HE WOULD LIKE TO STOP IN LONDON TO CONDUCT SIMILAR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH UK OFFICIALS, AND PROPOSES TO DO SO JANUARY 16. BECAUSE HE HAS JUST ASSUMED HIS NEW DUTIES, MR INGERSOLL WOULD INTEND TO BE ESSENTIALLY A LISTENER, ALTHOUGH HE WILL BE FULLY PREPARED TO DISCUSS RELEVANT ASPECTS OF JAPANESE AND EC-RELATED MATTERS. IF EMBASSY CONCURS THIS STOP WOULD BE USEFUL, WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY IDENTIFICATION OF ISSUES MOST LIKELY TO BE UPPERMOST IN MINDS OF APPROPRIATE FCO OFFICIALS. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE EMBASSY ARRANGING NECESSARY APPOINTMENTS.

2. MRS INGERSOLL AND EA SPECIAL ASSISTANT JOHN HELBLE WILL

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ACCOMPANY. MR INGERSOLL WOULD LIKE HELBLE TO ATTEND

SESSIONS WITH UK CONTACTS.

3. ITINERARY CALLS FOR ARRIVAL IN LONDON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16 AT 0800 VIA PA 106. DEPARTURE FOR PARIS IS SCHEDULED

FOR SAME DAY AT 1740 VIA AF 823, ARRIVING PARIS AT 1940. HOWEVER, SHOULD EMBASSY BE ABLE TO ARRANGE UK CONTACTS FOR AM JANUARY 16, MR INGERSOLL WOULD PREFER TO MOVE DEPARTURE UP TO EARLY AFTERNOON, PERMITTING ADDITIONAL REST IN PARIS. ALTERNATIVELY, A FEW HOURS OF REST UPON ARRIVAL WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED.

4. FOR PARIS: PARIS 0150 INDICATES SCHEDULING WITH FRENCH ALREADY WELL ADVANCED. WE DEEPLY REGRET INCONVENIENCE CAUSED BY PROPOSED REVISION OF ITINERARY TO INCLUDE LONDON, BUT BELIEVE UK STOP IS DESIRABLE AND SHOULD BE WORKED IN IF EMBASSY LONDON CONCURS. HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO WORK PROGRAM TO PERMIT AT LEAST MOST OF CONTACTS NOTED IN PARIS 0150. SHOULD FROMENT-MAURICE OFFER TO RESCHEDULE LUNCHEON FOR JANUARY 17, MR INGERSOLL WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO ACCEPT. INFORMAL FORMAT PROPOSED IS PERFECT.

5. MR INGERSOLL WOULD LIKE, IF YOU CAN ARRANGE IT, TO HAVE CONTACT WITH JAPANESE AMBASSADOR YOSHINO WHO IS CLOSE ACQUAINTANCE FROM MR INGERSOLL'S TOKYO DAYS. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ATTEMPTING TO WORK YOSHINO INTO PROGRAM.

6. DEPARTURE FOR PEKING REMAINS 2000 HOURS THURSDAY, JANUARY 17. KISSINGER

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